

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 1321**
Kazuto KOBAYASHI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2005_1628A
Serial No. 10/553,009 : Group Art Unit 1626
Filed August 21, 2006 : Examiner Kamal A. Saeed

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PRODUCING DIMETHYL CARBONATE :

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 14, 2009, the restriction is respectfully traversed for the reasons set forth below.